

MAYORAL MEDIA STATEMENT ON COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCO) DECISIONS:

Council met on Friday, 31st August 2018 at Kaps Banyane Community Hall in Verkeerdevlei/Tshepong.

Executive Summary

The below media statement is the inaugural of a series of media statements that will be consequent to both Executive Committee (EXCO) and Council sittings of Masilonyana Local Municipality. These statements are aimed at communicating decisions of both EXCO and Council to the community on matters that are directly affecting the community and matters that are in the interest of public.

In the year that we celebrate the centenary of the birth of our struggle giants Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and Nontsikelelo Albertina Sisulu, the year of living the legacy, it is important that our decisions and communication be more responsive to the challenges of the community.

Our Program of action and communication has taken a cue from the President's #ThumaMina Campaigns hence we have phased in the implementation of the Complaints Management System which must be fully functional by October 2018.

More efforts have been devoted to confront the 49 percent (as per Census 2011) of youth unemployment through a rollout of programs (mentioned under C) that will create employment and a conducive environment for a thriving local economy as well as attracting investment.

Finally, these statements take a lead from the Cabinet Media Statements which are released after every Cabinet meeting to communicating Government's Program of Action.

A. Council Decisions

1. Report of Public Participation.

1.1. Council note the Public Participation report from 7 wards of Masilonyana and all the challenges affecting the wards concerned.

1.2. Council resolved that the management must attend to all services delivery challenges raised by the wards as matter of urgency.

1.3. Council resolved that the Municipality should employ more security personnel to safeguard municipal properties.

1.4. Council resolved that all bucket eradication programme backlogs be completed.

1.5. Council also noted a report on Cable Monitoring Programme to be funded by National Treasury.

1.6. Council resolved to engage SANRAL (South African National Roads Agency Limited) to erect fences along the national roads.

1.7. Council further resolved to budget own funding to complete all incomplete sports centres.

2. Good Governance and Compliance

2.1. Deputations and Presentations: Presentation of the 2016/17 Audit Report by Auditor General of South Africa (AGSA/ AG)

2.1.1. Council noted and accepted the disclaimer audit report as presented by the AG.

2.1.2. Council noted the initiatives taken by Executive Committee (EXCO) to mitigate issues raised by AG.

2.1.3. Council resolved that the Municipality must hold bilateral with Auditor General to resolve some of the issues relating to his findings.

2.1.4. Council welcomed the intervention from National and Provincial Treasury with regard to capacitation of Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC).

3. Adoption of 2018/19 SDBIP

3.1. Council approved the reviewed Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) for 2018/2019 financial year.

3.2. The SDBIP serves as a contract between the administration, the Council and the community, expressing the objectives set by the Council as quantifiable outcomes that can be implemented by the administration over the next twelve months.

The SDBIP facilitates the process of holding management accountable for their performance. It provides the basis for measuring performance in the delivery of services.

3.3 Council also resolved that the Contract of employment of the Municipal Manager (MM) and Section (56) Managers must be linked with the approved SDBIP and their Key Performance Areas (KPA's).

The Municipal Manager's KPA's will indicate that he must achieve clean audit for 2018/19.

4. Renaming of Masilonyana Local Municipality to Dr. Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Municipality.

4.1. Council approved the renaming of Masilonyana Local Municipality after Dr. Winnie Madikizela Mandela subject to public participation and consultations with the Mandela family to secure their consent.

4.2. Council resolved to honour Mama Winnie for her selfless contribution to the liberation struggle, by renaming the Municipality after her.

4.3. Council also resolved to engage with the Free State Provincial Government in this regard.

5. Promotion and Development of Artistic and Sports Talent

5.1. Council resolved to support AK4FELLAS, Brandfort Football Academy, the Under 14 Chess Team from Makeleketa Public School and other artistic and sporting talents who are flying Masilonyana's flag high.

AK4FELLAS:

AK4FELLAS is a duo of young men who are recording and performing artists from Majwemasweu, Brandfort. Their music genre is Kwaito (modern township dance music). Earlier this year the duo was nominated and won an award in the Best Dance category in the South African Upcoming Music Awards (SAUMA) held at the Soweto Theatre as the only group or duo representing the Free State Province.



This time around they've been nominated for the second time for the Mzansi Kwaito and House Music Awards (MKHMA) which is in its 3rd Edition. The awards will be held at Emperors Palace in November 2018 and the category of the award in which they've been nominated is Best New Kwaito Artist.

Brandfort Football Academy:

Brandfort Football Academy is an under 19 team comprising of mainly pupils from Akademia High School and Matshediso Intermediate School and the team has gained promotion from the District Local Football Association (LFA) into the SAB Castle League.

The team will be playing in a fixture of 30 matches (home and away) for the whole season however, they are in need of transport for 15 away matches and the Nedbank Bank Ke Yona Tournament.

Under 14 Chess Team from Makeleketla Public School:

This team from Winburg has been flying the flag of the Municipality high in a game of Chess and have earned a spot to participate in the National under 14 Chess Competitions.

6. Establishment of Disciplinary Board (DC Board)

6.1. Council resolved to establish a Municipal Regulations on Financial Misconduct Procedures and Criminal Proceedings: Disciplinary Board (DC Board) as per National Treasury Circular No. 76 of Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA).

6.2. The Auditor-General has highlighted a number of issues in the Consolidated Report on Local Government that include, amongst others, persistent non-adherence to financial management policies and prescripts, as well as the need to improve governance arrangements. A significant number of municipalities have also incurred unauthorised, irregular as well as fruitless and wasteful expenditure and a cursory view suggests that amounts in this regard are increasing year on year.

6.3. The MFMA through section 62 sets out the general financial management responsibilities of the accounting officer. The accounting officer is required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the resources of the municipality are effectively, efficiently and economically utilised and that unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and

wasteful expenditure are prevented. In addition, section 62 also obliges the accounting officer to ensure that disciplinary or when appropriate, criminal proceedings are instituted against any official of the municipality who has allegedly committed an act of financial misconduct or an offence in terms of the Act.

C. Job Creation Initiatives, SMME Development and Mentoring

7. SLP Projects

7.1. Council noted and approved Social and Labour Plans (SLP) Projects to be funded by Sibanye Stillwater and Harmony Gold mines respectively as per IDP and LED processes.

7.2. Projects to be funded by Sibanye are as follows:

7.2.1. Paving of Roads and Storm water in Masilo (All Wards).

7.2.2. Sewer Reticulation and House Connections of 200 households in Lusaka, Masilo.

7.2.3. Water Reticulation in Masilo.

7.3. Projects to be funded by Harmony are as follows:

7.3.1. Youth Business Corners (Stalls/ Container Parks) for Theunissen, Winburg & Verkeerdevlei.

Ideally the stalls will be utilised for the following:

- Flee markets
- Upholsteries
- Bakeries
- Shoe repairs
- Textile and clothing manufacturing
- Aluminium window and door frame manufacturing
- Shisa Nyamas
- Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT) Installers.
- Hair Salons

7.3.2. Refurbishment of Sechaba Lesimola (Phase 2).

7.3.3. Revitalisation of ZR Mahabane Brick and Paving Manufacturing Project.

7.3.4 Construction of Intermodal Transport System (Taxi Rank) and other LED Support Projects.

8. Other Projects

8.1. Water and Sewer Reticulations as well as Electrification of New Life Extension in Tshepong/Verkeerdevlei.

8.2. Water and Sewer Reticulations as well as Electrification of Slovo Park in Majwemasweu/Brandfort.

8.3. Water and Sewer Reticulations as well as Electrification of Baipehing in Makeleketla/ Winburg.

9. Conditional Grants

9.1. Council noted a Supply Chain report on the following projects to be implemented through Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) and other grants:

9.1.1. Construction of 1km Block Pave Road in Majwemasweu/Brandfort.

9.1.2. Fencing and Construction of Ablution Facilities of Molapo Cemetery in Makeleketla/Winburg.

9.1.3. Fencing and Construction of Ablution Facilities of Boitumelo Community Cemetery in Makeleketla/Winburg.

9.1.4. Installation of Electrical Cable Monitoring System in all towns (to be funded by National Treasury).

9.1.5. Refurbishment of Winburg Sewer Pump Stations and Jetting of Pipelines.

9.1.6. Refurbishment of Water Treatment Plant in Brandfort.

9.1.7. Upgrading and Rehabilitation of Winburg Water Treatment Plant: Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Works.

9.1.8. Construction of 2km Storm Water Channel in Majwemasweu/Brandfort.

10. Report on Land Availability for Township Establishment and Cemetery Extension: Masilo/Theunissen

10.1. Council resolved that management establish all the facts regarding government land ownership (portion 1 of farm Afrikaner Oord 80 which is 175 ha) and adjacent the Phahameng Cemetery.

10.2. Council resolved that management must engage with the relevant department for possible donation of the land to the Municipality.

10.3. Council resolved that an application must be submitted to the Municipal Planning Tribunal (MPT) for township establishment in Masilo and in the portions of land belonging to the Municipality as per the existing proposed layout plan.

10.4. Council resolved that the Municipality must resuscitate the negotiations with the private land owners for possibilities of purchasing their land for township establishment.

10.5. Council also resolved that management make use and exhaust the provisions of section (25) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996 as an option for Council to acquire the above mentioned privately owned.

D. Policies and Frameworks

11. Draft Policy Framework on Public Participation and Communication Policy

11.1. Council adopt the Draft Policy and Framework on Public Participation and Communication Policy to be subjected to public consultations.

11.2. Council resolved that Rules Committee (Section 79 Committee) proceed with public consultations processes.

E. Upcoming events

12. Masilonyana and Business Breakfast Session

12.2. Council noted the report that there will be a Masilonyana and Sibanye Business Breakfast Session with an intention develop and market the Municipality towards Masilonyana Vision.

12.3. Council resolved to review its previous resolutions on disposal of land for economic and investment opportunities.

12.4. Council further mandated Management to invite service providers for presentations on tourism and investment attraction.

A Special Executive Committee (EXCO) met on Monday, 18th September 2018 at Council Chamber in Theunissen.

F. EXCO Decisions

13. Water Shortage Intervention

13.1. EXCO approved a report on Intervention Strategy on Shortage of Water Supply and noted Management's decision to invoke Regulation 36 of the Supply Chain Management (SCM) Regulation.

13.2. Management will deviate from normal SCM processes to outsource services of a services provider to conduct urgent assessments on challenges that resulted in some areas of Theunissen/Masilo and other towns that are experiencing shortage of water supply.

13.3. EXCO resolved that this intervention be expedited in line with governing party's commitments to developing a responsive local government.

13.4. EXCO resolved that an Item be prepared for Executive Committee and Council to condone this unforeseen expenditure.

14. Acquisition of a Vac Jet Machine

14.1. EXCO noted and welcomed a report on acquisition and delivery of a Vac Jet machine to attend to sewer spillages across all municipal towns.

14.2. EXCO also noted the report that municipal officials were being trained on how to use the machine and the report that Management intends procuring these machines for all towns of Masilonyana.

14.3. EXCO further noted the fact that these reports were in line with the recently adopted Municipal Turnaround Strategy.

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